

LOVESICK MAN
A SUICIDEDied While Gazing at Picture
of His Sweetheart

FELIX J. RAINVILLE, DEAD

He Opened Two Gas Fixtures in Room
of the House Where He Lodged—
Body Was Found This
Morning.

Boston, Feb. 18.—Felix J. Rainville's body was found in the house where he lived at 1474 Washington street this morning, he having committed suicide some time during the night by breathing illuminating gas. The man had been suffering from despondency, and that it is supposed to have been the reason for his desire to make away with himself.

Rainville was a lodger in the Washington street house and it was said there that he had been rather melancholy of late. When found this morning, the body was lying on the floor in the bathroom. The room was filled with gas, two open fixtures pouring out their deadly fumes into the room. It was evident that Rainville had died while gazing at pictures of his father and his sweetheart, Maud Beaudette of South Framingham.

SUICIDE BY HANGING.

James F. Cuff of Madison St., Lowell,
Had Been Despondent.

Lowell, Mass., Feb. 18.—James F. Cuff, aged 39, committed suicide by hanging himself at his home, 6 Madison street last night. Mr. Cuff has been despondent for some time. He leaves a wife and three children.

PULLIAM MAY QUIT.

Presidency of the National Base Ball
League, He Admits.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 18.—President Harry Pulliam of the National league made plain yesterday morning the reasons of the club owners represented in the organization of which he is the official head that he was willing to forego the glory and salary attached to his position in order to save himself worry. It is known in base ball circles that the best of feeling does not exist between Mr. Pulliam, Harry Herrmann, chairman of the National commission, and President Charles W. Murphy of the Chicago National league club, but it was not until yesterday that the warfare assumed a serious aspect.

In the hotel corridors it was said that Mr. Pulliam had ordered Barney Dreyfus and Charles Ebbetts, owners respectively of the Pittsburgh and the Brooklyn National teams, to leave his office in New York and while the demand was complied with, it is said that both Dreyfus and Ebbetts vowed vengeance on the head of the National league. When Mr. Pulliam learned that the incident referred to had been divulged he referred to a statement yesterday which he said voiced his sentiments. In substance the National league president declared that he was tired of warfare and after leaving for California next Monday he would not be surprised to hear that he had been deposed by those in the league whom he claims are antagonistic to his administration of chief executive.

"As a matter of fact," said Mr. Pulliam, "I did order Dreyfus and Ebbetts out of my office New York and I would do the same thing again if the circumstances were similar."

AMERICAN WOMEN
WITH SUFFRAGETTESConsequently She Got Arrested With
23 Other Women in London To-day
—Grace Johnson Denies That
She Mixed In.

London, Feb. 18.—A woman giving her name as Grace Johnson and her address as America, was arrested with 23 other to-day in an attempted suffragette raid on Premier Asquith's house. When the women moved against the premier's house, a heavy line of police forced them away. Miss Johnson claims that she took no part in the demonstration.

THREE COUNTRIES.

Represented at North American Con-
servative Congress.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The first North American conservative conference, having for its object the treaties to be made for eliminating the "Twilight Zone" between the United States, Canada and Mexico, and for preventing possible litigation over waterways, was held at the White House this morning. The conference was composed of nine commissioners, three from each country. Sec. Garfield, Chief Justice Gifford Pinchot and Sec. of State Bacon were the United States delegates. President Roosevelt made a short address. The conference is to continue a week.

President Roosevelt said in part: "This is one of the steps taken in recent years looking toward harmonious cooperation between nations for the common advancement of all. In our international relations I think the greatest feature of government during the last century is the gradual recognition that it is in the interest of each nation to see the other elevated. You cannot cut down the forests on the head waters of international streams without interfering with the interests of both nations. I am anxious that the several countries represented here act in the harmony mood of all."

Girls' rules are the only ones for girls to use in basket ball. Any one who doubts this wants to come to the Church street gymnasium Friday night, and have his doubts dispelled.

CHICAGO HAS MYSTERY
ABOUT YOUNG WOMANWho Was Found Lashed to Supports
of a Bathtub in One of the Hotels
of the City—Police Are
Baffled.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 18.—A mysterious case that has put the police at sea developed yesterday when the unconscious form of Miss Ella Gingles was found lashed to the supports of a bathtub in the Wellington Hotel, a standard hotel in the heart of the city. Whether she was the victim of a plot, as she incoherently alleged in her few conscious moments, or a woman whose means to retaliate on a woman whom she believed to have been her enemy is the question that the police set about to solve.

When a chambermaid at the Wellington Hotel on her rounds reached the public bathroom on the fourth floor, she found the door bolted from the inside. The house carpenter, removing the transom, crawled into the room, which was dimly lighted by a candle which had nearly burned out. He opened the door and discovered Miss Gingles, clad only in a night gown, bound to the bath tub, which was half filled with blood colored water. A waste sink was in the same condition. The girl's hands were tied with a light binding cord, and fastened to the legs at the head of the tub. A second cord drawn tightly about her knees, held the lower portion of her body to the lower legs of the tub. Her face showed pain and bruises, and it was later determined that she had been mistreated. The girl was also apparently suffering of laudanum poisoning. A two-ounce bottle which had contained laudanum was found in the room, and near it an empty claret bottle. A towel was tied tightly under the girl's jaws. When the cords which bound her to the tub were severed, she fell over on her back and a wet cloth was found stuffed in her mouth. Her clothes, including her outer wraps, were found in a corner of the room.

The senseless girl was removed to a bedroom and restoratives were administered by Dr. Watson, the house physician, but she recovered only sufficiently to babble hysterically. "Don't let her come nearer. Don't let her make me drink any more; it will kill me."

READY FOR MR. TAFT.

He Will Be Made a "Mason at Sight"
This Afternoon.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 18.—All arrangements have been completed for making President-elect William Howard Taft a "Mason at sight" at the Scottish rite cathedral this afternoon, when a large and distinguished body of leaders of the order will crown the new initiate. Grand Master Charles S. Hopkins, who alone under the constitution of the Ohio grand lodge has the authority, will confer the honor.

Among the prominent Masons who have accepted the invitation to be present is grand high priest of the United States, Joseph D. Ryan of the Royal Arch Masons of Illinois.

The formal ceremony will be held at five o'clock and will be followed at 7:30 p. m. by the exemplification of the master's degree by the Kilwinning lodge of which Judge Taft's father and brother were members and with which he will affiliate. A grand ball and reception will be given by the Hanselman commandery, Knights Templar, at which the president-elect will be the guest of honor.

FATHER AND SON GUILTY.

Convicted of Manslaughter Following the
Throwing of a Ball.

Auburn, Me., Feb. 18.—The unusual outcome of the throwing of a ball by a boy was decided in the courthouse here last night, when the verdict of guilty of manslaughter was returned against George W. and John P. Perkins, father and son, charged with the murder of their neighbor, Charles Almon Strout, at Poland, Aug. 3.

Foreman A. E. Jennings, in reporting the verdict of the jury, in the case of the father recommended extreme leniency, but later annulled this and instead recommended extreme leniency for the son. The father and son were remanded to prison for sentence, which will be pronounced later in the session. Judge Savage has it in his power to sentence the Perkinses for any period between one year and life.

FAITHFUL TO TRUST.

She Then Ended Her Life By Slashing
Throat and Wrists.

New York, Feb. 18.—On the verge of collapse, it is said, from constant nursing of her fiancé through a long siege of pneumonia, Miss Ed. McBride, the 27-year-old daughter of Thomas McBride, of this city yesterday locked her self in her bedroom closet at her father's home, slashed her throat and both wrists with a razor and died before medical aid could reach her.

Thomas McBride was a real estate man, whom Miss McBride was to have married. He has been seriously ill for weeks and it was learned that his physician attributed his recovery, now nearly accomplished, largely to the young woman's almost constant administration at his bedside.

RUSSIANS IN TROUBLE.

Said to Have Squandered U. S. Coal
Money on Attresses.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—A despatch from Vladivostok, a newspaper here states that several high officials in that city are compromised in the misuse of \$150,000 of government money.

When the American fleet visited Vladivostok the officials pocketed the big sum of money received from Americans for coal and ammunition on their vaudeville actresses. Many of these women have now fled to Tokyo and Peking, but their jewels are seized by the authorities in attempts to recover a part of the proceeds of the robberies.

POWDER EXPLODED.

Killed Three Men and Fatally Injured
Four Others.

Colliers, West Virginia, Feb. 18.—Three men and four others were fatally burned in a powder explosion in the home of a Slavic miner to-day.

CONVICTED
OF BRIBERYShort Work Bringing W. W.
Ramsey to Justice

IN PITTSBURG SCANDAL

Former President of German National
Bank Found Guilty To-day of
Bribing a Pittsburgh Coun-
cilman.

Pittsburg, Feb. 18.—W. W. Ramsey, former president of the German National bank, who was charged with bribing a councilman to secure the location of his bank as the city depository, was found guilty this morning by a verdict which was read at the opening of the court. The trial was the first one in the notorious graft scandal in cases. Two days only were required to convict Ramsey.

SNOW SLID ON CHILDREN.

Four of Them Were Injured Quite
Badly Yesterday.

Springvale, Me., Feb. 18.—An avalanche of snow crashed from the roof of the public school building and killed 50 school children beneath its weight as they stood in line ready to march back to their studies after yesterday afternoon's recess. Four were badly cut and many were thrown into hysterics. Those most seriously injured were:

Charles Goodwin, 19 years old, ear almost severed by an icicle and cuts on neck.

Glady's Chick, 17 years old, back and kidneys hurt.

Clara Hutchins, 16 years old, head and neck cut.

Alice Sherburne, 19 years old, head and neck cut.

Many other children received slight cuts by splinters of ice, and some of the smaller girls and boys were almost thrown into convulsions by fright. The calmness and authority of the teachers prevented general panic. The worst injured were carried into the nearest school room and three doctors were soon working over them. Sixteen stitches were taken in the ear of Charles Goodwin, son of George A. Goodwin, the corporation lawyer.

BARRE MAN FAILS.

Galusha A. Bemis, Formerly Proprietor
of a Bakery.

The petition in bankruptcy of Galusha A. Bemis, formerly proprietor of the City Bakery in Barre, was filed with the clerk of the United States court at Rutland yesterday. The store was closed several weeks ago on claim of Mr. Lamerton of Marshfield, who held a mortgage on the property. Since that time the store has been sold and is now running under other ownership. Mr. Bemis set up his liabilities as \$1,573, and his assets as \$460.89, of which \$200 is claimed exempt.

One of the highest failures of the year is that of Charles C. Gilmore, a Swanton farmer, who filed his petition yesterday. His liabilities are \$24,430, and assets of \$16,050, with \$1,263 exempt.

Other petitioners filed are as follows: Harry Gardner, Rutland, alone mason; liabilities, \$4,401.50; assets, \$3,825; exempt, \$500.

James E. Beauregard, Burlington; liabilities, \$1,287.50; assets, none.

Edward Elliott, Bellows Falls, teamster; liabilities, \$337.50; assets, \$32; exempt, \$50.

FINE GRANGE MEETING.

Held by the East Montpelier Grange
Last Night.

East Montpelier, Feb. 18.—The grangers had a good time at the regular meeting last evening, which was very well attended, many being present who had not been able to attend for a long time. The third annual degrees were worked on candidates. The choir furnished music and several good speeches were made by Ed. Bartlett, the master of Plainfield grange, Orlando Martin, state commissioner of agriculture, and Dr. C. N. Barber of Barre. Visitors from Plainfield grange were Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bartlett, Orlando Martin and wife and Murray Martin and wife.

A fine supper was served in the dining room, consisting of sandwiches, doughnuts, cheese, coffee, cake and ice cream, oranges and bananas. Then the young people danced a while.

SLASHED HIMSELF.

Nearly Fatal Experience For Mont-
pelier Man Cutting Bread.

George Fisher of Montpelier is rather fortunate that he did not bleed to death when he severed an artery in one arm while cutting up a loaf of bread. He held the loaf in one hand and slashed off the slice with the other. The knife slipped and went through the bread into his arm. Dr. McGuire was summoned and was able to staunch the flow of blood. Although Fisher was considerably weakened by the loss of blood he is on the road to recovery today.

The Kilpatrick Sailed.

New York, Feb. 18.—Two field batteries and four companies of the coast artillery comprising 800 men, sailed yesterday for the Philippines on the army transport Kilpatrick. They will proceed by way of the Suez canal and should arrive at their destination by about April 10. Among the officers who sailed on the Kilpatrick were Major General Duvall, Brigadier General Murray and Lieutenant Colonel Brainerd of the commissary department.

All ladies of the Universalist church are asked to meet at the church parlors to-morrow (Friday) afternoon. Come prepared to sew.

FOUR SKATE TO DEATH.

Children Break Through Thin Ice on
a Providence Pond.

Norwood, R. I., Feb. 18.—Four children skated through the thin ice of Sand pond yesterday afternoon and were drowned. A lad who attempted their rescue himself broke through the ice and was in the water 40 minutes before his rescue was effected.

Lillian, 12, Raughkida, 14, and Axel, 9, children of Axel Hanson, and Gilbert Johnson, were drowned and Albert Sweet, a cousin of the Johnson boy, was the lad who nearly lost his own life in an unsuccessful attempt to save the others.

In the Hanson family there is now but one child, and in the Johnson family there is but one, for a month ago they buried one, and the one that is left came from the hospital yesterday after an operation for appendicitis. Sand pond is a treacherous piece of water, for it is fed by springs, and in the summer has many cold spots and in the winter the bubbling springs make thin spots in the ice. The four children named and Besse Thornton, had gone skating and were abreast, hand in hand, when the Thornton girl saw that they were approaching a white piece of ice that she knew meant a danger spot. She shouted a warning and broke from the line and away, but the others kept on and when they reached the spot broke through the ice.

There were many skaters on the pond, but they could not get close enough to help the children struggling in the water. Albert Sweet skated ashore and hurried to the Johnson house near the pond and gave the alarm. Then he returned with a ladder and pushed that out across the ice, tried to reach the children who were still clinging to the edge of the hole. He broke through himself, but even at his own life at stake, he still tried his best to give aid to the others. But one after the other they ceased their struggles, loosened their grasp on the thin edge of the ice and sank to their death.

The father of the Johnson boy had by this time come to the rescue and with Joseph Wilson they got a boat onto the pond, chopped a channel through the ice and were at last able to directly reach the children. The father of the boy drew him out to safety. All the bodies were recovered.

DROWNING MAN LASSOOED.

Had Floated Through a Sewer Pipe For
250 Feet.

New York, Feb. 18.—Falling into a rapidly flowing sewer after a tumble down an open manhole and later shooting through a narrow pipe for a distance of 250 feet to be finally fished out of the East river at the end of a cleverly thrown lasso, was the unusual experience here yesterday of Rocco Tonsoni, an Italian laborer, engaged in repairing a bulhead at 110th street and the East river.

The flow of the sewer at the point where Tonsoni fell in was strong and he was directly in the line of the sewer aperture into the river. There Richard F. Ryan, a dock employee, was waiting for him with an improvised lasso and when Tonsoni's body face down came rushing out of the mouth of the sewer it was neatly caught by the line and the man was pulled up and quickly hauled to the pier end above.

The Italian was unconscious when rescued but artificial respiration soon brought him back to life and he was removed to a hospital.

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

For Junior at Montpelier Success—Was
Much Appreciated.

An interested audience of students, friends and former students of the senior class assembled at eight o'clock in the chapel of Montpelier seminary last evening to witness the junior oratorical contest. The stage was artistically decorated under the supervision of the senior class. Following is the program:

Piano duet, intermezzo from "Nella," Miss Gutz Naylor.

How Peggy Held the Fort, Miss Viola Bemis.

The Going of the White Swan, Charles Bemis.

Bud's Version of the Flood, Miss Lucy Parker.

Vocal solo, Whisper and I Shall Hear, Miss Gutz Naylor.

Violin obligato, Miss Christine Currier.

Too Late for the Train, W. Ray Taplin.

Angel's Wickedness, Glenn Morse.

Through Fire and Water, Richard Crandall.

Piano solo, Romance, La Papillon, Miss Norton.

The Robin Boy, Miss Bessie Short.

The Escape, Charles Crandall.

Cherokee Rites, Miss Lucy Swift.

Gordon's Reprieve (excused), Mr. Fairchild.

Mr. Burgess, Rev. Mr. Bloomfield and Miss Delta Collins acted as judges. Rev. Mr. Bloomfield announced the following prizes: First to the young ladies, Miss Lucy Swift, second, Miss Viola Bemis, third to the young men, Charles Bemis, second, Charles Crandall.

Special mention was made of Miss Parker, Richard Crandall and Ray Taplin, especially in regard to their well carried out presentation of their selections, while Miss Morse and Miss Shore's selections exhibited the hard and conscientious work put in while preparing for the contest.

The speakers owe much to their elocution teacher, Miss Hamilton, for her continued and consistent drill.

PRESIDENT ANGELL RESIGNS.

Head of University of Michigan Is
Over 80 Years Old.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Feb. 18.—Dr. James Burrill Angell, president of the university of Michigan, yesterday announced his resignation of the presidency of the university of Michigan to take effect at the close of the academic year next June. The board of regents immediately created the office of chancellor and offered it to him at a salary of \$4,000 a year with the continued use of the president's mansion on the university campus.

Dr. Angell, who, on Jan. 7 last, celebrated his 80th birthday, has directed the phenomenal growth of the university since 1871, when he came to its presidency from the presidency of the university of Vermont. The university of Michigan then had 1,100 students. Today the attendance is 4,780.

FIRST GAME
IS GODDARD'SClose, Fierce Struggle With
Spaulding High

BUT FEW BASKETS THROWN

Goddard "Covered" So Effectually That
Spaulding's Forwards Could Not
Shoot—Final Score Was
14 to 9.

The Spaulding high school basketball team was defeated by Goddard seminary at the Church street gymnasium last evening. The score was 14 to 9, and the game was the closest and hardest fought that has been played here since the Goddard and People's academy tie game last winter. The crowd at that game was the largest that had ever turned out to a basketball game in Barre, and the crowd last evening was its equal in size.

The 350 tickets that were put on sale yesterday afternoon disappeared like chaff before the wind, and fifty more tickets were put up at the two selling places and these were quickly gobbled up. Several who had tickets to dispose of found ready customers for them at 50 cents apiece.

The capacity of the gym was taxed to the limit and a large number of people who had not purchased tickets at the advance sale came to the hall, but could not get in. The two sides of the court were roped off and three "coppers" were present in the hall to keep the crowd in line. The minute the doors opened at seven o'clock, people began to flock in and at 7:30 nearly the limit had been reached. Those who were not early enough to get seats had to stand for two hours before the game started, and it was 10:05 before the final.

Through a misunderstanding as to what rules the game was to be played under, the two teams debated this question for nearly an hour and it was nine o'clock when the game finally began. No agreement had been made by the teams before they arrived at the hall as to whether the game should be played under the amateur or intercollegiate rules. Spaulding wanted the amateur rules, as they claimed that they had played only one game this season under the intercollegiate rules, that with St. Johnsbury academy. Goddard stuck out for the intercollegiate rules, as they claimed they had practiced and been coached to play under those and supposed the game was to be played that way.

Spaulding, however, would not hear to anything but the amateur rules, and Goddard finally consented to play rather than throw up the game.

The only important difference between the two rules is that the intercollegiate rules allow dribbling of the ball and a shot for the basket at the end, while, under the amateur rules, the ball cannot be shot for the basket by the one who is dribbling it, but must pass it to another player, who can then shoot it for the basket.

Referee Tillingshast of Vermont academy was imported for the game and was the sole official, performing his difficult task well. The game was so extremely close that the referee considered it must be admitted that he was successful.

Goddard had considerable advantage of weight over their opponents, and their persistent and effective work in keeping their men covered was the secret of their success in winning the game. Spaulding shot but two baskets from the floor, one by Grigg and one by Maiden, while Goddard got four from the floor, two each by Richardson and Moore. Three fifteen minute periods were played. Grigg made the first score of the game after five minutes of playing, but Richardson of Goddard equalled the points almost immediately. Spaulding's Goddard soon had two free throws for the basket from fouls, but missed. On the second throw, Richardson caught the ball as it bounced back and tossed it in for a goal from the floor. Spaulding shot one foul for Goddard, which ended the scoring for this period. This left the score with Goddard in the lead, 5 to 2. The second period ended 9 to 4 in Goddard's favor, Spaulding getting but two points on goals from fouls, while Goddard got one goal from the floor and two from fouls.

In the last period, each side made the same number of points. Moore shooting a basket from the floor and Spaulding three from fouls for Goddard, Maiden a basket from the floor and Cummings three from fouls. Spaulding high made five throws from fouls out of 13 chances, and Goddard made six out of the same number of chances.

There was a perfect bedlam throughout the game, and the players were keyed to a high tension from whistle to whistle. The Spaulding boys made many more throws for the basket than Goddard, but the shots lacked accuracy, as the Goddard men did not once give them an open chance for a shot. Another game is scheduled to be played between the two schools.

The line-up:

Goddard.	Spaulding.
Spaulding, f. g.	McDonald.
Richardson, f. g.	McDonald.
Moore, c.	Grigg.
Scamperi, f. g.	Cummings.
Alexander, f. g.	Maiden.

Baskets from the floor, Moore 2, Richardson 2, Grigg, Maiden; baskets from fouls, Cummings 4, Grigg, Spaulding 6, referee, Tillingshast; time, three 15-minute periods.

PASS FOSTER RESOLUTION.

House Votes Unanimously to Invite
France and England.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Congressman Foster's resolution authorizing an invitation to the governments of France and Great Britain to attend the Champlain celebration passed the House yesterday unanimously.

MONTPELIER CITIZENS
PICK DAWLEY AGAINHe Was Renominated for Mayor Without
Opposition Last Night—Only
One Contest in the
Caucus.

Mayor Frank W. Dawley was renominated for mayor of Montpelier at the citizens' caucus held there last night, there being no opposition. In fact, there was no contest except in the case of constable, W. A. Pattie defeating George F. Lackey by 293 votes to 80. The complete city ticket was as follows:

For mayor, Frank W. Dawley.

For city clerk and treasurer, Timothy R. Merrill.

For city sheriff, L. H. Folland.

For first constable, E. M. Menard.

For second constable, W. A. Pattie.

Commissioner of Green Mount cemetery for five years, George L. Blanchard; park commissioner for five years, H. M. Cutler.

For city grand juror, Burton E. Bailey.

For city grand juror, C. A. Gale.

Auditors, M. E. Smilie, L. H. Bixby and F. R. Pitkin.

The caucus was presided over by F. B. Thomas, and N. Thierault was elected secretary. Following the nomination of the ticket, O. D. Clark, George Stratton and J. G. Brown were re-elected city committee.

BUSY R. R. COMMISSIONERS

Are Holding Sessions When the Weather
Doesn't Block Them.

State Railroad Commissioner S. Hollister Jackson was in Bethel yesterday, where the commission gave a hearing in the morning on the petition of the Bethel selectmen to abolish two grade crossings on the Central Vermont railroad, the crossings being located about a mile and a half north from the village. They are known as the Findley crossings. Attorney C. W. Witters and Engineer Morrison appeared for the railroad. State Attorney Buck and Engineer F. O. Sinclair for the board, and the selectmen for themselves and the abutting landowners.

Methods for abolishing the crossings were considered by the study of maps, and an adjournment was taken to April 9 to give the engineers an opportunity to make detailed plans, which will be submitted to the commission for acceptance. In any event, the board will order the two crossings abolished.

Yesterday afternoon the commission held a hearing on a rear-end collision of two freight trains at the Bethel station last December. As a result of this collision several railroad employees were discharged. A report of their findings will be submitted by the commission later.

This afternoon the commission is hearing two accident cases in Burlington, the cases having been postponed from Tuesday because Commissioners Redmond and Jackson were unable to reach Burlington because of the snow blockade on the Central Vermont railroad. The final hearing of the week will be held at Richford to-morrow on the petition of the town of Richford to abolish a grade crossing on the Canadian Pacific railroad.

QUARRY OWNERS
ELECT H. W. VARNUMAs President of Their Association at the
Annual Election, Which Was HeldLast Evening—Meeting Well
Attended.

The annual meeting of the Quarry Owners' association, which was held at the association rooms in the Miles grange building last evening was well attended, a majority of the members being present. Considerable routine business was disposed of and the officers for the ensuing year were elected. The officers elected were as follows: President, H. W. Varnum, vice-president, William Barclay; secretary-treasurer, George B. Mutch; executive committee, George B. Mutch, D. W. McDonald, John E. Smith and John Stephen; arbitration committee, Donald Smith, H. J. M. Jones and William Marr; house committee, J. M. Boutwell, H. J. M. Jones, John E. Smith, auditors, J. W. McDonald and M. N. McIver. At the conclusion of the business meeting an informal social hour and smoke talk was enjoyed, and refreshments were served.

DIGGING OUT.

City Employees and Street Car Men Try-
ing to Clear Streets.

The results of Tuesday's storm have not yet been entirely eliminated in the city, although a force of men has been working steadily for the past two days getting the surplus snow out of the way. Six teams and a dozen men have been at work since yesterday morning drawing the snow from the business section of Main street and still the task is not quite completed.

Superintendent Andrus of the Barre and Montpelier Power and Traction company stated that the storm was the most easily to handle that he had seen since his connection with the road. He says it was almost an impossibility to keep the road open for traffic during the storm and every available man was pressed into service. The cars were not out all day yesterday opening up the Seminary hill branch, and this was finished at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. Several men have been working all day to-day on the Washington street branch, but it has not yet been cleared for traffic, and many of the residents of the upper end of the street will have a chance to exercise by walking down to-morrow morning, as the trucks will probably not be clear much before noon to-morrow.

The second girls' game of the season will take place Friday night at the Church street gymnasium. The St. Albans girls and the Goddard girls are the contestants. Goddard's first game was very enjoyable to the spectators, and a fast and clean exhibition will be given again Friday night.

CLERKS HAVE
MERRY TIMEAnnual Banquet and Dance by
Barre Union

WAS HELD LAST NIGHT

A Company of 150 Sat Down to Banquet
in Woodmen's Hall, After Which
There Was a Program and
Then Dancing.

The clerks of the city threw care to the breeze and forgot their store duties last evening, when the local branch of the Retail Clerks' International Protective association held its annual banquet and dance at Woodmen's hall. The affair was one of the most successful social events of the season, as well as one of the most successful affairs ever held under the auspices of the local branch of the clerks' association.

There was a company of fully 150 people present, including a majority of the members of the local and their guests. Tables were set the length of the hall and shortly after eight o'clock the members of the company took their places and partook of a luscious banquet, the piece de resistance of which was Vermont turkey.

The menu follows:

Roast Vermont turkey, brown gravy

Apple jelly Celery

Mashed potatoes Creamed potatoes

Cold boiled ham Cold tongue

Waldorf salad Hot rolls

Whipped cream cake

Vanilla ice cream Assorted cake

William H. Eager, president of the local, acted as toastmaster. Music was furnished during the banquet and for the dancing at its conclusion by Harris' orchestra of five pieces. At the conclusion of the gastronomic feature of the evening, the company was entertained with an interesting musical and literary program.

The program opened with a baritone solo by William Robertson, who sang the Armorer's song from Robin Hood in a highly pleasing manner. In response to the hearty applause, Mr. Robertson rendered the "Mission of the Rose," by Cowley. This was followed by a reading by Miss Ethel Morley of Lowell, Mass., who kindly responded with an encore. The program was concluded with an address by S. Hollister Jackson.

In his address, Mr. Jackson said that he was glad that the clerks' organization had met with success in Barre. He said it not only helped its members by the gaining of shorter working hours and better conditions generally, but that it helped the merchants and the public as a whole. Mr. Jackson said that he was glad to see that interest was taken in the organizations of